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fuel is downgraded pursuant to the provision of § 80.527 to motor vehicle diesel fuel subject to the 500 ppm sulfur standard;

(2) The motor vehicle diesel fuel is not represented or intended for sale or use as subject to the 15 ppm sulfur content standard, and is not dispensed, or intended to be dispensed, into model year 2007 and later motor vehicles by a retailer or wholesale purchaser-consumer; and

(3) For retailers or wholesale purchaser-consumers, the pump labeling requirements of § 80.570(a) are satisfied.

§ 80.525 What requirements apply to kerosene blenders?

(a) For purposes of this subpart, a kerosene blender means any refiner who produces motor vehicle diesel fuel by adding kerosene to motor vehicle diesel fuel downstream of the refinery that produced the motor vehicle diesel fuel or of the import facility where the motor vehicle diesel fuel was imported, without altering the quality or quantity of the motor vehicle diesel fuel in any other manner.

(b) Kerosene blenders are not subject to the requirements of this subpart applicable to refiners of motor vehicle diesel fuel, but are subject to the requirements and prohibitions applicable to downstream parties.

(c) For purposes of compliance with § 80.524(b)(1), the product transfer documents must indicate that the fuel to which kerosene is added complies with the 500 ppm sulfur standard for motor vehicle diesel fuel and is for use only in model year 2006 and older diesel motor vehicles, or the fuel is properly downgraded pursuant to the provisions of § 80.527 to motor vehicle diesel fuel subject to the 500 ppm sulfur standard.

(d) Kerosene that a kerosene blender adds or intends to add to motor vehicle diesel fuel subject to the 15 ppm sulfur content standard must meet the 15 ppm sulfur content standard, and the following requirements:

(1) The product transfer document received by the kerosene blender indicates that the kerosene is motor vehicle diesel fuel that complies with the 15 ppm sulfur content standard; or

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(2) The kerosene blender has test results indicating the kerosene complies with the 15 ppm sulfur standard.

§ 80.526 [Reserved]

§ 80.527 Under what conditions may motor vehicle diesel fuel subject to the 15 ppm sulfur standard be downgraded as motor vehicle diesel fuel subject to the 500 ppm sulfur standard?

(a) *Definition.* As used in this section, *downgrade* means changing the classification of motor vehicle diesel fuel subject to the 15 ppm sulfur standard under § 80.520(a)(1) to motor vehicle diesel fuel subject to the 500 ppm sulfur standard under § 80.520(c). A *downgrade* occurs when the change in classification takes place. Changing the classification of motor vehicle diesel fuel subject to the 15 ppm sulfur standard under § 80.520(a)(1) to any fuel that is not motor vehicle diesel fuel is not a *downgrade* for purposes of this section and is not limited by the provisions of this section.

(b) *Who may downgrade.* Any person in the motor vehicle diesel fuel distribution system who has custody or title to motor vehicle diesel fuel may downgrade it.

(c) *Downgrading limitation.* (1) Except as provided in paragraphs (d) and (e) of this section, a person described in paragraph (c)(4) of this section may not downgrade a total of more than 20% of the motor vehicle diesel fuel (by volume) that is subject to the 15 ppm sulfur standard of § 80.520(a)(1) while such person has title to or custody of such fuel. In addition, a refiner or importer may only downgrade (subject to the 20% limit) motor vehicle diesel fuel designated under § 80.523 as subject to 15 ppm sulfur standard under § 80.520(a)(1) after it has been so designated and after it has been moved from the refinery's, or import facility's, storage tank or other vessel where the diesel fuel batch was designated as subject to the sulfur standard of § 80.520(a) under § 80.523.

(2) The limitation of paragraph (c)(1) of this section applies separately to each person who has custody or title of the fuel when it is downgraded.

(3) Compliance with the limitation of paragraph (c)(1) of this section shall be

on an annual, calendar year basis (except in 2006 compliance shall be for the period June 1, 2006 through December 31, 2006, and in 2010 compliance shall be for the period January 1 through May 31).

(4) The limitation of this section applies to persons who sell, offer for sale, dispense, supply, store or transport diesel fuel. The limitation does not apply to persons who are transferred custody or title to motor vehicle diesel fuel when it is dispensed into motor vehicles at retail outlets.

(d) *Diesel fuel in violation of the 15 ppm standard.* Where motor vehicle diesel fuel subject to the sulfur standard of § 80.520(a)(1) is found to be in violation of any standard under § 80.520(a) and is consequently downgraded, the person, or persons, having custody and title to the fuel at the time it is found to be in violation must include the volume of such fuel toward its 20% volume limitation under paragraph (c)(1) of this section, unless the person, or persons, demonstrates that it did not cause the violation.

(e) *Special provisions for retail outlets and wholesale purchaser-consumer facilities.* Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (c)(1) of this section, retailers and wholesale purchaser-consumers shall comply with the downgrading limitation as follows:

(1) Retailers and wholesale purchaser-consumers who sell, offer for sale, or dispense motor vehicle diesel fuel that is subject to the 15 ppm sulfur standard under § 80.520(a)(1) are exempt from the volume limitations of paragraph (c)(1) of this section.

(2) A retailer or wholesale purchaser-consumer who does not sell, offer for sale, or dispense motor vehicle diesel fuel subject to the 15 ppm sulfur standard under § 80.520(a)(1) may not downgrade a volume of motor vehicle diesel fuel classified as subject to the 15 ppm sulfur standard greater than 20% of the total volume of motor vehicle diesel fuel that it sells, offers for sale, or dispenses annually.

(f) *Product transfer documents.* If the custody or title to any motor vehicle diesel fuel that is downgraded under this section is transferred, the product transfer documents under § 80.590 for such fuel must reflect the change in

classification to motor vehicle diesel fuel subject to the 500 ppm sulfur standard.

(g) *Recordkeeping requirement.* Any person subject to the provisions of this section, as described in paragraph (c)(4) of this section, who downgrades any motor vehicle diesel fuel previously classified as subject to the 15 ppm sulfur standard under § 80.520(a)(1) during any calendar year, must make and maintain records sufficient to show compliance with the requirements and limitations of this section.

(h) *Termination of downgrading limitations.* The provisions of this section shall not apply after May 31, 2010.

EFFECTIVE DATE NOTE: At 69 FR 39172, June 29, 2004, § 80.527 was revised, effective Aug. 30, 2004. For the convenience of the user, the revised text is set forth as follows:

§ 80.527 Under what conditions may motor vehicle diesel fuel subject to the 15 ppm sulfur standard be downgraded to motor vehicle diesel fuel subject to the 500 ppm sulfur standard?

(a) *Definitions.* As used in this section, downgrade means changing the designation or classification of motor vehicle diesel fuel subject to the 15 ppm sulfur standard under § 80.520(a)(1) to motor vehicle diesel fuel subject to the 500 ppm sulfur standard under § 80.520(c). A downgrade occurs when the change in designation or classification takes place. Changing the designation or classification of motor vehicle diesel fuel subject to the 15 ppm sulfur standard under § 80.520(a)(1) to any designation or classification that is not a motor vehicle diesel fuel is not a downgrade for purposes of this section.

(b) *Who is subject to the downgrade limitation:* Any distributor, retailer, or wholesale purchaser consumer that takes custody of any diesel fuel designated or classified as #2D 15 ppm sulfur motor vehicle diesel fuel and delivers any diesel fuel designated or classified as #2D 500 ppm motor vehicle diesel fuel.

(c) *Downgrading limitation.* (1) Except as provided in paragraphs (d) and (e) of this section, a person described in paragraph (b) of this section may not downgrade a total of more than 20 percent of the #2D motor vehicle diesel fuel (by volume) that is subject to the 15 ppm sulfur standard of § 80.520(a)(1) to #2D motor vehicle diesel fuel subject to the sulfur standard of § 80.520(c) while such person has custody of such fuel.

(2) The limitation of paragraph (c)(1) of this section applies separately to each facility as defined under § 80.502 where there is custody of the fuel when it is downgraded.

(3) Compliance with the limitation of paragraph (c)(1) of this section applies separately

for the compliance periods of October 1, 2006 through May 31, 2007; June 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008; July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009; July 1, 2009 through May 31, 2010.

(4) Compliance with the limitation of paragraph (c)(1) of this section shall be as calculated under § 80.599(e).

(d) *Diesel fuel in violation of the 15 ppm standard.* Where motor vehicle diesel fuel subject to the 15 ppm sulfur standard of § 80.520(a)(1) is found to be in violation of any standard under § 80.520(a) and is consequently downgraded to 500 ppm sulfur motor vehicle diesel fuel, the person having custody of the fuel at the time it is found to be in violation must include the volume of such downgraded fuel toward its 20 percent volume limitation under paragraph (c)(1) of this section, unless the person demonstrates that it did not cause the violation.

(e) *Special provisions for retail outlets and wholesale purchaser-consumer facilities.* Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (c)(1) of this section, retailers and wholesale purchaser-consumers shall comply with the downgrading limitation as follows:

(1) Retailers and wholesale purchaser-consumers who sell, offer for sale, or dispense motor vehicle diesel fuel that is subject to the 15 ppm sulfur standard under § 80.520(a)(1) are exempt from the volume limitations of paragraph (c)(1) of this section.

(2) A retailer or wholesale purchaser-consumer who does not sell, offer for sale, or dispense motor vehicle diesel fuel subject to the 15 ppm sulfur standard under § 80.520(a)(1) must comply with the downgrading limitations of paragraph (c) of this section, and compliance shall be calculated as specified in § 80.599(e)(2).

(f) *Termination of downgrading limitations.* The provisions of this section shall not apply after May 31, 2010.

§§ 80.528–80.529 [Reserved]

TEMPORARY COMPLIANCE OPTION

§ 80.530 Under what conditions can 500 ppm motor vehicle diesel fuel be produced or imported?

(a) Beginning June 1, 2006, a refiner or importer may produce or import motor vehicle diesel fuel subject to the 500 ppm sulfur content standard of § 80.520(c) if all of the following requirements are met:

(1) Each batch of motor vehicle diesel fuel subject to the 500 ppm sulfur content standard must be designated by the refiner or importer as subject to such standard, pursuant to § 80.523.

(2) The refiner or importer must meet the requirements for product transfer documents in § 80.590 for each batch

subject to the 500 ppm sulfur content standard.

(3)(i) The volume V_{500} of diesel fuel that is produced or imported during a compliance period, as provided in paragraph (a)(5) of this section, may not exceed the following volume limit:

(A) For compliance periods prior to 2010, 20% of the volume V_i of diesel fuel that is produced or imported during a compliance period plus an additional volume of motor vehicle diesel fuel represented by credits properly generated and used pursuant to the requirements of §§ 80.531 and 80.532.

(B) For the compliance period of January 1, 2010 through May 31, 2010, the volume of motor vehicle diesel fuel represented by credits properly generated and used pursuant to the requirements of §§ 80.531 and 80.532.

(ii) The terms V_{500} and V_i have the meaning specified in § 80.531(a)(2).

(4) Compliance with the volume limit in paragraph (a)(3) of this section must be determined separately for each refinery. For an importer, such compliance must be determined separately for each Credit Trading Area (as defined in § 80.531) into which motor vehicle diesel fuel is imported. If a party is both a refiner and an importer, such compliance shall be determined separately for the refining and importation activities.

(5) Compliance with the volume limit in paragraph (a)(3) of this section shall be determined on a calendar year basis, where the calendar year period is from January 1st through December 31st. For the year 2006, compliance shall be determined for the period June 1, 2006 through December 31, 2006. For the year 2010, compliance shall be determined for the period of January 1, 2010 through May 31, 2010.

(6) Any motor vehicle diesel fuel produced or imported above the volume limit in paragraph (a)(3) of this section shall be subject to the 15 ppm sulfur content standard. However, for any compliance period prior to and including 2009, a refiner or importer may exceed the volume limit in paragraph (a)(3) of this section by no more than 5 percent of the volume V_i of diesel fuel produced or imported during the compliance period, provided that for the immediately following calendar year: